

FOREST ORDER

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FORESTS
ASPEN RANGER DISTRICT**

Lincoln Creek Road, Weller and Lincoln Gulch Campground – Bear Closure

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (a), the following act is prohibited in ***Weller Campground, Lincoln Gulch Campground*** and adjacent to Lincoln Creek Road (Forest System Road 106, County Road 23) from mile 0 to 6.5.

Weller Campground is located in White River National Forest, at Township 11 Range 84 Section 1 NE. ***Lincoln Gulch Campground*** is located in White River National Forest, at Township 11 Range 83 Section 6 SE. ***The area of Lincoln Creek Road*** is located in Township 11 Range 83 Sections 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, and 24; including but not limited to all designated dispersed campsites. These areas are hereby identified as the “Restricted Area” and is depicted in Exhibit A.

The purpose of this Order is the protection of health and safety to the public due to documented emboldened bear behavior which has escalated to dangerous levels.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. 36CFR 261.58(d) Occupying a developed recreation site with prohibited camping equipment prescribed by the order: Occupying Weller Campground or Lincoln Gulch Campground utilizing tents, soft sided trailers (pop-up trailers or pop-up slide-in campers) or anything else that is not a rigid-sided or hard-shelled camping vehicle (tents and soft-sided trailers are prohibited).
2. 36CFR 261.58(e) Camping: Except within a hard-sided unit, is prohibited along Lincoln Creek Road (Forest System Road 106, County Road 23) from mile 0 to 6.5 including but not limited to all designated dispersed campsites. Camping means the temporary use of National Forest System lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently-fixed structure. Hard-sided units are those which have an enclosed hard shell and includes trailers, campers and vehicles.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

- (2) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until September 30, 2016, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, this 30th day of June, 2016.



SCOTT FITZWILLIAMS

Forest Supervisor
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

Violations of this prohibition are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571).

Exhibit A: Restricted Areas of Weller Campground, Lincoln Gulch Campground, and Lincoln Creek Road

